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On Behalf Of:
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Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB530

SB 530

Chair Patterson, Vice-Chair Hayden, and Members of the Committee:

I am writing to express my support for SB 530. My name is Michelle Hsu, and I am a member of the Linn Benton Lincoln Health Equity Alliance. SB 530 is essential for ensuring that RHECs can continue their important work in reducing health inequities by providing the necessary funding and resources to meet the needs of underserved communities.

This bill will also provide annual budgeted inflation adjustments to RHEC funding, ensuring that the organizations can keep up with rising costs and continue providing the services that are so vital for community health.

I support this bill because equity can only be reached by knowing what people need. RHECs establish relationships with community organizations and members to adapt to constant changes and needs. Outreach by RHECs position them to be informed by voices in our communities, particularly those who are marginalized. Now more than ever, I encourage you to vote in favor of SB 530 so all Oregonians can achieve the quality of life we all deserve.

These resources will allow RHECs to continue to strengthen their capacity and extend

their support to the communities who need it most. I urge you to vote yes on SB 530.

Thank you,

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